PART I—Section 2.

NOTIFICATIONS.

GENERAL.

No. G. 18153—*P. P.* 114-19-4, *dated 7th February* 1920.

Whereas Mr. Narasinga Rao Purnaiya, Jahgirdar of Yelandur, departed this life on the 1st January 1920, and whereas Mr. Saraswathi Narasinga Rao Purnaiya has applied to Government to have Nagaraja Rao Purnaiya, the elder minor son of the said Mr. Narasinga Rao Purnaiya, recognised as the Jahgirdar of Yelandur and declared as such, in succession to Mr. Narasinga Rao Purnaiya, deceased, under the provisions of the Yelandur Jahgir Regulation I of 1885, notice is hereby given that the said application will be taken to consideration on or after the 5th March 1920.

2. Any representations from persons interested in the matter of the succession to the said Jahgir made before that date in writing to the Chief Secretary to Government, will also be considered by Government.

No. G. 18092—*Cts.* 42-19-27, *dated 7th February* 1920.

ERRATUM.

In Notification No. G. 13575—Cts. 42-19-6, dated 11th December 1919, for "Mr. Venkataramaiya" appearing under "Sringeri" read "Mr. Venkataramaniah",

No. G. 18301—*P. P.* 17-19-122, *dated 10th February* 1920.

The following Mesopotamia Passport Regulation, 1919, is hereby republished for general information :—

MESOPOTAMIA PASSPORT REGULATIONS, 1919.

Under the authority conferred on him by para 4 (7) of G.O.C.-in-Chief's Proclamation of August 30th, 1919, the Civil Commissioner is pleased to make the following Regulation :—

1. These rules may be called "The Mesopotamia Passport Rules, 1919."

2. "Competent authority" as used hereafter in this Proclamation means any person authorised by order in writing by the Civil Commissioner to exercise the powers of a competent authority under these rules.

3. "Passport" means a passport or certificate of identity for the time being in force, issued or renewed not more than 2 years previously by or on behalf of the Government of the Country of which the person to whom it relates is a subject, and in the case of a subject coming into Mesopotamia from any Country, other than the United Kingdom or a British Possession, issued or vised by the proper British Diplomatic Consular or Military Authority in that Country.

4. No Passport shall be accepted as valid unless the photograph of the person to whom it relates is attached thereto. Purdah women are exempted from the operation of this rule.

5. No person coming from or intending to proceed to any place out of Mesopotamia shall, save as otherwise provided in these rules, enter or leave Mesopotamia unless he is in possession of a Passport, *and unless he has received previous permission in writing or by telegraph from the Civil Commissioner or from competent authority in Mesopotamia to enter the Country, which permission should be obtained through the Government of which he is a subject or citizen or in which he is resident.*

6. The Civil Commissioner may by order in writing exempt wholly or partially any person or classes of persons from any of the provisions of these rules and a competent authority may by like order and under like conditions exempt any person from any of the said provisions.

7. Any person who

(*a*) in contravention of Rule 5 lands or embarks at any port in Mesopotamia or who crosses any frontier of Mesopotamia,

(*b*) having been conditionally exempted from any of the provisions of these rules does any act in contravention of any condition specified in the order of exemption,

(*c*) for the purpose of obtaining a passport or an order of exemption from any provision of these rules, or for the purpose of obtaining the renewal or variation of a passport or order, either for himself or for any other person makes a false statement or false representation

shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with fine, or with both.

8. Any person who voluntarily obstructs, or offers any resistance to, or impedes, or otherwise interferes with, a competent authority, or any officer or other person who is carrying out the orders of such authority, or who is otherwise acting in accordance with his duty under any of the provisions of these rules, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month, or with fine, or with both, and may in addition be required to remove himself from the limits of Mesopotamia.

9. Any person who attempts to commit, or abets or attempts to abet the commission, of any act punishable under these rules shall be punishable in like manner as if he had committed the act.

10. (1) A competent authority or any officer of the police or of the customs department empowered by general or special order by the Civil Commissioner in this behalf, may arrest without warrant any person against whom a reasonable suspicion exists of his being concerned in an offence punishable under these rules.

(2) Every authority or officer making an arrest under this rule shall, without unnecessary delay, take or send the person arrested before a Magistrate having jurisdiction in the case, or to the officer in charge of the nearest police-station.

11. Nothing in these rules shall apply to—

(*a*) any person whose age is, or appears to the competent authority to be, less than fifteen years;

(*b*) any member of His Majesty's Naval or Military or Royal Air Forces or of the Royal Indian Marine Service and any member of the Civil Administration of Mesopotamia entering or leaving Mesopotamia on duty or leave;

(*c*) any member of the crew of any vessel who has been lawfully engaged as such in any country outside Mesopotamia and who leaves Mesopotamia in continuation of the same voyage in the same vessel, or any member of the crew of any vessel who has been lawfully engaged in Mesopotamia for an oversea voyage who satisfies a competent authority that he is by occupation seafaring man;

(*d*) *nay bona fide* Mohammadan pilgrim proceeding on or returning from pilgrimage except as provided in Section 14 hereafter.

12. Passports will not at present be issued to inhabitants of Mesopotamia. In their place certificates of identity will be issued in the annexed form.*

13. Certificates of identity are valid for one year only from date of issue. They will be granted at Basrah and Baghdad by the Deputy Commissioner of Police and at other places by Political or Assistant Political Officers subject to a fee of Rs. 2-8-0 to be affixed in stamps. Holders of passports or certificates of identity must have their passports or certificates of identity endorsed by Passport Office at Basrah prior to their departure from Basrah by sea.

14. Pilgrims travelling in organized parties do not require certificates of identity. The leader of the party should possess a certificate on which the number of persons for whom he is responsible is shown. Any member of a party wishing to leave his party should obtain a certificate of identity from the competent authority.

15. On arrival at destination or at a frontier station, certificates of identity must be presented to Local Political Officers, or in case of Basrah and Baghdad, to the Deputy Commissioner of Police.

16. Tribesmen in their customary areas or vocations entering or leaving the Occupied Territories of Mesopotamia by land do not require certificates of identity.

*Obtainable from Superintendent, Government Press, Baghdad or Basrah.

BAGHDAD,
Dated 24th October 1919.

(Sd.) A. T. WILSON, LIEUT.-COLONEL,
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